

CHAT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES

MISUNDERSTOOD.—Impresario—Do you sing chest notes?  
Signora Harlemotti—No, sir! Everything in my reppytory is dead now.

A Natural Supposition.—Ted—"One of the dime museums advertizes a Phantom hen." Ned—"What does she do?" Ted—"Lays ghosts, I suppose."

A charming young lady who doesn't begin to be near the first corner-store, has evolved from her inner consciousness the following reflection on masculine Washington:

The saddest words of tongue or pen,  
There are too many women and not enough men.  
*Washington Post.*

"My wife is a great and noble woman, of wonderful domestic endowments"

"Why this sudden advance in your estimate of her?"  
"She left me to take care of the children a couple of hours yesterday."

"Papa," said Mabel, "were you ever in an ice palace?" "No," said the old gentleman, "but I've had to get up at five o'clock in the morning in January to see what was the matter with the heating apparatus, and I guess I'll try and worry along without an ice palace."

IN RE BEING HEELED.

Thrice is he armed who hath his quarrel just,  
But six times he who gets his blow in fust:  
And nine times he whose adversary's bust,  
And ten times ten who in a Colt doth trust,

A new form of entertaining in Paris is to take your guests to a museum, hospital, or other public institution, see the sights, and talk about them. After they are fully charged with new information, you take them home and feed them. The idea has taken with high and low.

"Always wipe your feet, Biddy," said Mrs. Upstart to her Irish servant, who had just imprinted a chaste and elegant design in mud on the hall. "Oi always do, mum, whiniver Oi wash thim, fur Oi'm afraid av gittin' chilblains: but Oi thank yez fur yer koind advice, mum," replied Biddy.

An eminent French authority gives it as his opinion that no bad effects result to those who are constantly employed in telephone offices. At least it does not impair the hearing of those whose ears are not diseased, but it would appear that the constant using of telephones by those whose hearing is imperfect is very injurious and liable to cause complete deafness.

A man in Detroit the other day saw a very small boy in the street playing with a very sharp chisel. Deeming it his duty to inform the mother he called her and said: "Madam, are you aware that your boy has the chisel?" "You don't say," said she. "That boy has had the mumps, the measles, the chicken-pox and the scarlet fever, and now he's gone and got the chisel."

A new discovery in hypnotism has been made. A French physician has found that by the aid of hypnotism a disease can be transferred from a sick man perfectly well. For example, you are suffering from neuralgia. You and another person are hypnotised, and by the newly discovered method your neuralgia is transferred to him and you go home a healed and happy man.

An Englishman once boasted that he had been mistaken for a member of the royal family. A Scotchman, hearing, replied that he had been addressed as the Duke of Argyll. Whereupon an Irishman said that he had been taken for a far greater person than either, for as he was walking along the street one day, a friend came up to him, exclaiming: "Holy Moses! is that you?"

Mrs. Millsis, the famous artist's wife and the ex-wife of John Ruskin, lives like a royal princess and has a staff of artistically dressed servants who care for her every desire. She is beautiful, accomplished and captivating and is regarded as her husband's mascotte. Her Greek dresses are poems and her poses the perfection of grace. She has Oriental couches in all her apartments and is said to be the happiest woman in all Europe. Her husband is worth \$1,000,000.

Little Tommy, who has a bald uncle, was very much interested when his mother told him the other day that the hairs of his head were all numbered. "Is that so with everybody?" asked he. "Yes," said his mother, "that is what the Bible says." Tommy pondered for a moment in silence. "Well," said he finally, "if the Bible says so, it must be so; but I think the angel who does the counting feels mighty glad when he comes to a man with a head like uncle Jim's."

A BEAUTIFUL CANADIAN STORY.—The Graphic, Chicago's popular illustrated weekly, is publishing a beautiful story of Canadian life, by Mrs. Mary Hartwell Catherwood, author of the famous "Romance of Dollard," the "Story of Tonty" and other charming chapters of Canadian history and tradition. The Graphic story is entitled the "Children of Ha-Ha Bay," the scene being laid successively near St. Alexis, Chicoutimi and Tadoussac. Mary, a fair orphan girl: her grandfather, a hermit, at Chicoutimi; Ignacio, a brave young forester, and Justine, his sister, are the well drawn characters in this, the best of Mrs. Catherwood's shorter stories. The three issues containing this beautiful sketch, (finely illustrated by Mr. A. B. Davies,) may be obtained of most newdealers, or they will be mailed by the publishers on receipt of 30 cents.

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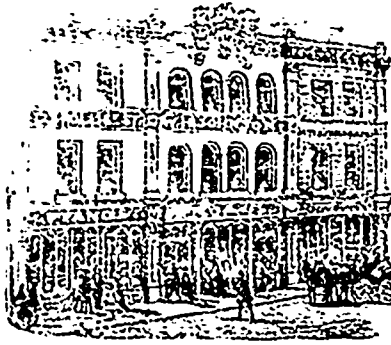
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